

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees
Commerce ISD

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Commerce Independent School District was held on January 10, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Commerce ISD Administration Building, 3315 Washington St., Commerce, Texas. Vice President Randy Starks called the meeting to order, extended a warm welcome and announced that a quorum was present. The meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Board members present were Mr. Michael Beane, Dr. LaVelle Hendricks, Ms. Etta Herring, Dr. Mark Reid, Mr. Randy Starks and Mr. Gabe Wittkopf. President Kathleen Hooten was absent.

Board members were honored during a dinner prior to the meeting.

Executive Session...

Mr. Starks announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 6:03 p.m. to consider personnel (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

Mr. Starks announced that the Board ended its closed session 7:04 p.m. on January 10, 2017.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance...

The invocation was led by Dr. Hendricks. ACW students Izabella Turner, Pace Eilers and Sally Walker led the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Citizen's Comments...

None

Recognition

Senior Riley Davidson was recognized for being named as a Volleyball Academic All-State Student. The Greenville Chapter (416) of the Air Force Association was recognized for their \$5000 donation to the CHS robotics team. On hand for the recognition were Larry Ratliff, Terry Thomas and Tom Bailey along with robotics team members and sponsor Earvin Larry. Funds will be used to purchase VEX robotics equipment for team projects and robotics competitions.

Board members were recognized for their service to the students of CISD during School Board Recognition Month. Campuses presented gifts to each board member.

A. C. Williams Elementary School Campus Report

ACW Principal Lisa Palazzetti shared a video of campus highlights.

Public Hearing to Discuss Public Education Grants (PEG)

Dr. Patricia Tremmel, assistant superintendent, explained that CMS scored low in social studies testing and the campus was placed on the PEG list. Therefore, parents could transfer their children out of the district to another school district, if they accepted. Letters will go out to parents this week to explain.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to accept the resignation of Tonya Potts, Tri County SSA educational diagnostician. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Wittkopf made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2016 and the financial statements and investment summary for December 2016. Dr. Hendricks seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Consider Acceptance of Bids Received on Resale Properties

Dr. Reid made a motion to accept the bids of \$16,600 and \$16,500 for two five-acre plots in Neylandville from Nextlots Now LLC of Lancaster, Texas. Mr. Beane seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Report on Status of Facility Projects

Superintendent Charlie Alderman said that the high school track still lacked one more layer and the striping before it is completed. The CTE building roof is complete along with the Bus Barn and the CMS gym. The concrete pad for the track storage building is complete.

Informational Reports

Mr. Alderman noted that enrollment was down nine students to 1600 as of January 6, 2016. Director of Finance John Walker stated that the budget was built on 1500 ADA. ADA in December was 1508. He said he would continue to track enrollment as it affects the budget.

Mr. Alderman said that the Board of Trustees election would be held May 6 and the first day to file for a place on the ballot will be Wednesday, January 18. He also said that he and Dr. Tremmel would be attending the TASA/TASB Mid-Winter Conference January 29-February 1 in Austin.

Mr. Alderman noted that the District of Innovation draft plan was provided for their review. The final plan would be brought to the Board for consideration in February.

Principals gave monthly reports

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Monday, February 20, 2017, with executive session at 6 p.m.

Board Members Comments

Dr. Hendricks reminded the Board about the Martin Luther King Recognition Service to be held on Sunday, January 15. He thanked the principals for selecting such good kids for the honors.

Executive Session...

Mr. Starks announced that the Board would convene in executive session at 8:20 p.m. to consider personnel, evaluation and review of superintendent's contract (§551.074) and private consultation with Board's attorney, if needed (§551.071).

Reconvene from Executive Session...

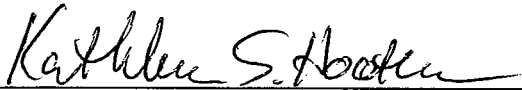
Mr. Starks announced that the Board ended its closed session 9:06 p.m. on January 10, 2017.

Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

No action resulted from Executive Session

Adjournment...

Mr. Starks stated that all business was considered and the meeting was adjourned.



Kathleen Hooten, President
CISD Board of Trustees



Etta Herring, Secretary
CISD Board of Trustees